



## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) GUIDANCE FOR DENTAL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

#### WHAT SHOULD PROVIDERS DO REGARDING PPE?

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, dental health care personnel (DHCP) are in the very high-risk category for exposure to SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 when they are performing certain aerosol generating procedures. This risk requires a level of heightened awareness, training, preparation, and adherence to a combination of standard and transmission-based precautions as appropriate to ensure the safe provision of care. Employers of DHCP are also responsible for following applicable [OSHA requirements](#), which in California include Cal/OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens, Personal Protective Equipment, and Respiratory Protection standards. To address asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission:

- Dental offices should implement source control (i.e., require facemasks or cloth face coverings) for everyone entering the dental setting (dental healthcare personnel and patients), regardless of whether they have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Patients with active COVID-19 infection should not receive dental treatment in a dental office. Dentists and medical providers should work together to determine an appropriate facility for treatment. Procedures on patients with COVID-19 should be carried out in accordance with [Cal/OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Diseases \(ATD\) Standard](#).

Source: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance-for-Resuming-Deferred-and-Preventive-Dental-Care---.aspx>

#### SUPPLIES

- Dentists must ensure they have adequate supplies including PPE and sanitation supplies.
- It is strongly recommended that dental practices have a minimum 2-week supply of PPE for dentists and staff. This includes N95 respirators, face shields, goggles, surgical masks, and other infection control equipment.
- Dental offices should require the use of facemasks or cloth face coverings by all patients prior to entering the dental office and while they wait to be seen; this will minimize emissions of infectious particles by patients who are infected but asymptomatic. Dental offices should consider having a supply of facemasks or cloth face coverings to provide to patients who arrive without their own.

#### HOW CAN MY PRACTICE REQUEST PPE?

- Email: [MOC.LOGS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:MOC.LOGS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- Due to inventory, not all requests may be fulfilled or the specific model requested.
- Most PPE distributed is from the State and beyond its manufactured date (expired). Please reference guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) on acceptable use.

#### USING THE BATTELLE DECONTAMINATION SYSTEM

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the emergency use of the Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™ (referred to as the "Battelle Decontamination System") operated by the Battelle Memorial Institute ("Battelle"), for use in decontaminating compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators ("compatible N95 respirators"), for reuse by healthcare personnel.
- The Los Angeles-region Battelle site is now ready to receive N95 for decontamination.
  - Health systems (including fire/EMS agencies) are asked to call **833-998-2381** to register. There is a backup number in case you cannot get through **916-328-7932**.
  - All costs for UPS shipping to and from your sites will be covered.
- For more information, visit: [Guidance for Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#).

